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Recommissioning Ceremony Honors Former Employee

Kansas City, Mo. — The Kansas City District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will pay tribute to a former employee by commissioning a boat in his name during a 10 a.m. ceremony Friday at Jefferson City's Noren Boat Ramp.

The 38-foot *Motor Vessel Three Lakes* will be recommissioned as *Motor Vessel Clem Meyer* in honor of the district's former chief of operations, Clement C. Meyer. The vessel will serve as an inspection boat on the Missouri River.

Meyer began his career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1930 as a "waterboy." During his more than 40 years with the organization, Meyer led the Missouri River Bank and Navigation project, a project that continues to ensure the Missouri River remains navigable.

"Clem worked his entire career here on the river ensuring this waterway remained open for navigation," said John Skelton, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Missouri River Area Office. "It's truly fitting we name a vessel in his name that will ensure the flow on the Missouri continues."

A principle mission of the Kansas City District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is to provide navigation and flood control along the Missouri River. Inspection boats, like the Motor Vessel Clem Meyer, provide invaluable information on channel depth, pinpointing the location of problem areas such as snags and shifting sandbars.

For more information on the ceremony, contact John Skelton at (816) 240-8131.